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## **2009 Come-See-Me Festival to Feature New Events and Old Favorites**

The 2009 Rock Hill, South Carolina. Come-See-Me Festival kicks off Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> with a salute to “Happy Days” featuring a *sock hop*, *classic car cruise-in* and the movie *American Graffiti* on the big screen downtown.

Also new in 2009 for our younger guests is Musical Mania at Manchester Meadows Soccer Complex on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, featuring over 20 musical groups sharing the magic of music ending with a mass kazoo march around the lake.

*The Be Seen Green* Parade moves to Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM and starts at E. White & Caldwell Streets, featuring Grand Marshall, Rock Hill Clean and Green, marching bands, unique floats, mascots and local organizations promoting an environmentally friendly community.

The first Festival weekend includes old favorites Beach Bash, Mayor’s Frog Jump, Pancake Breakfast, Woman’s Club Gift & Garden Shop & Café, Road Race and Fun Run, and Sundaes with Glen & Mother Goose.

Returning for its second year is the Barbeque Cook-Off, featuring a sanctioned competition judged by the South Carolina BBQ Association. On Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, teams will compete for prizes. BBQ will be for sale at 3:00 pm. On Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> the “no pork” competition will be held during Moonlight Jazz & Blues with celebrity judges and samples available to purchase. Continuing with the Barbeque Cook-Off on Saturday, enjoy the Carolina Skydiving Team Exhibition at Winthrop Lake while Tailgating and stay for the Fireworks Extravaganza.

Gourmet Gardens will remain at Cherry Park featuring your favorite local restaurants, entertainment by local musicians, a children’s area, and shopping for local artists’ items. Check the website for participating vendors and entertainment schedule.

Glencairn Garden, the birthplace of Come-See-Me, will feature daily entertainment Monday to Thursday. Entertainers include *The Old Fogies*, *TakeNote*, *Wilbur Thompson Quartet*, *Divas Through the Decades Country Music Revue*, *Green Star*, *Inspirational Music with Pastor Rodney Humright and Friends*, *Gospel Grass* and *Broadway Night at Glencairn*.

The sports enthusiast will find Wheels Invitational Baseball, Women’s Basketball Showcase, Adult & Junior Tennis Tournament, Youth Indoor Rock Climbing Competition, Golf Tournament, Canine Disc Competition, plus Winthrop Tennis and Baseball.

Returning for our younger guests are Frog Coloring Contest, Frog Hoppin' Fun, Jumping Jeepers Frog Crafts, Everything Trucks, Children's Art Activities, Kid's Carnival, and the Teddy Bear Tea Party.

The ten-day Come-See-Me Festival is considered the largest, all-volunteer festival in South Carolina and attracts more than 100,000 participants and visitors each year. We are proud to again have been selected by the Southeast Tourism Society as a "Top Twenty Event".

For more information about the Festival, or to download a brochure, visit the official website: [www.comeseeme.rockhill.net](http://www.comeseeme.rockhill.net) or call the festival office at 803-329-7625 or 1-800-681-7635.

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